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U.S. DELEGATION, GENEVA

Date: July 18, 1959

Time: 9:30 A.M.

Place: Conference Room 209
Consulate General Annex

SMALL STAFF MEETING

Present:

The Secretary	
Mr. Merchant	Mr. Smith
Mr. Reinhardt	Mr. Irwin
Mr. Berding	Mr. Stimpson
Mr. Becker	Admiral Dudley

Conference Tactics:

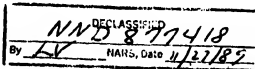
1. Mr. Merchant said that Hancock of the British Delegation was bringing him this morning a message which Lloyd wanted to get to the Secretary prior to the Western Foreign Ministers Meeting at 11.

Last night Ambassador Greve expressed to Mr. Merchant the hope that the Secretary would definitively reject the Soviets' All-German Committee proposal soon. Greve confirmed that Adenauer, in his meeting with von Brentano yesterday morning, had approved the plan for a Four-Power Commission with German advisers. The Germans are concerned how such a plan would work out in practice. Mr. Merchant said he told Dr. Greve that, as a personal view, he thought that in such a Commission the Four Powers would retain responsibility for discussing reunification and a peace treaty, while the German advisers would discuss the more technical subjects such as the movement of goods and people.

Public Presentation

2. Mr. Berding said that we may be placed in a difficult position from a public relations viewpoint if the press comes to believe that the Soviets are the only ones plugging for German reunification (through their All-German Committee proposal) while we concentrate on an interim settlement for Berlin. He recommended strongly that the Secretary knock down the Soviet proposal, preferably in the next plenary session.

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Mr. Merchant seconded Mr. Berding's suggestion and said he had discussed this matter with Dr. Grew.

Mr. Reinhardt suggested that the best thing might be to reiterate the terms of the Western Peace Plan which contains a proposal for German reunification. The Secretary thought this a good idea, but Mr. Berding pointed out that it will receive little acceptance in the press.

Death of Eugene Meyer

3. The Secretary said that he would probably send a condolence message on the death of Eugene Meyer of the Washington Post.

Intelligence Services in Berlin

4. Referring to an inquiry from the Department the Secretary said that he was against any change in our intelligence services in Berlin at the present time. He thought we should stick to the reciprocal plan; any unilateral move would appear to deviate from that principle.

Visit to Berlin

5. The Secretary noted that Saturday, July 25 seemed to be a good day for his visit to Berlin. He had discussed this with Ambassador Bruce and would mention it to the other Western Foreign Ministers this morning. Any announcement should be made as soon as possible.

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